

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2006. Claims 1-7 are pending. Claims 8-10 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 102 Rejections

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0002955 A1 of Gadbois ("*Gadbois*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons stated below.

Claim 1 is directed to a Web Services Directory that includes at least one Business Entity object and at least one User object. The Business Entity object is arranged under the User object. *Gadbois* does not disclose, teach or suggest each of these limitations.

The Final Office Action suggests that HOST 210 of FIGURE 2 of *Gadbois* is a User object as defined by Claim 1. Specifically, the Final Office Action contends that HOST 210 "acts" as a User object. *See* Final Office Action, page 5. Applicants respectfully disagree. *Gadbois* discloses a relatively simple mapping of UDDI objects to Directory objects. In a single sentence discussing the entire function of HOST 210, *Gadbois* merely describes HOST 210 as a root node for the Directory objects. *See Gadbois*, Paragraph 0027. Thus, there is no suggestion that HOST 210 is a User object.

The Final Office Action also suggests that Organization1 222 and Organization2 224 of FIGURE 2 of *Gadbois* are User objects as defined by Claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree. There is no suggestion in *Gadbois* that Organization1 222 and Organization2 224 are User objects. In fact, *Gadbois* specifically states that these elements refer to organizations of a commercial nature, but may also refer to non-profit organizations such as governmental, academic, and personal organizations. *See Gadbois*, Paragraph 0027. Organizations, even personal organizations, would not be represented by a User Object. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois*.

Claims 2-6 each depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-6 are patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois* for example, for the same reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1.

Claim 7 is directed to a Web Services system that includes a registry comprising a hierarchical directory including at least one Business Entity object and at least one User object. The Final Office Action contends that these limitations are disclosed at Paragraphs 25-27 of *Gadbois*. Applicants respectfully disagree. For example, *Gadbois* does not disclose, teach or suggest a hierarchical directory that includes at least one User object. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully contend that Claim 7 is patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois*.

New Claims

New Claims 8-10 have been added. New Claims 8-10 are fully supported by the drawings and specification as originally submitted. (see, for example, pages 7-8, 16, 21-22, and Figures 7, 11 and 12). No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully contend that each of Claims 8-10 are patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois* for at least the reasons discussed below.

New Claim 8 is directed to a Web Services system that includes a registry comprising a hierarchical directory including at least one Domain object, at least one Business Entity object, and at least one User object. The at least one User object identifies a user account for managing a plurality of objects arranged under the at least one User object. *Gadbois* does not disclose, teach or suggest each of these limitations.

For example, *Gadbois* does not disclose, teach or suggest a User object identifying a user account operable to manage a plurality of objects arranged under the at least one User object, as required by new Claim 8. Teachings of some aspects of the present invention recognize that having a User object over other objects in the directory enhances manageability and security since the user may have the ability to modify and control their own sub-tree. See *Specification*, Page 8, lines 10-20. None of the references relied upon by prior office actions in rejecting the claims of the present application disclose, teach or suggest

these limitations. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully contend that Claim 8 is patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois*.

Claims 9 and 10 each depend from Claim 8, and incorporate all limitations thereof. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 9 and 10 are patentably distinguishable from *Gadbois*.

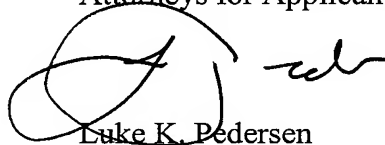
Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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